



PORTLAND VA MEDICAL CENTER

*Portland, Oregon Division
Vancouver, Washington Division
Community Based Outpatient Clinics
Salem, OR Bend, OR
Longview, WA Camp Rilea (Warrenton, OR)*



NOTICE OF VACANCY

1. <u>Announcement Number</u> 3W-06-225-LS	2. <u>Title, Series, Grade, Salary</u> Human Resources Specialist (Staffing) GS-201-11 \$54,115 to \$70,353 per annum	3. <u>Tour of Duty</u> Days M-F	4. <u>Duty Station</u> Human Resources Management Division, Portland Division
5. <u>Type & Number of Vacancies</u> Permanent 1 Full-time position	6. <u>Contact</u> Human Resources Assistant 503-220-8262 x 57317	7. <u>Opening Date</u> 3/22/06	8. <u>Closing Date</u> Until Filled 1st consideration Date 3/28/06

WHO MAY APPLY TO THIS ANNOUNCEMENT:

- Career or career conditional employees and permanent Title 38 employees and permanent Title 38 Hybrid employees of the Portland VA Medical Center eligible under the interchange Agreement. Included are permanent employees of the Willamette National Cemetery, Regional Office, Veterans Outreach Center and Veteran's Canteen.
- Career or career conditional employees and permanent Title 38 employees of other VA facilities.
- Applicants with competitive status outside the VA i.e., those with transfer or reinstatement eligibility.
- Veterans who are preference eligibles or who have been separated from the armed forces under honorable conditions after 3 or more years of continuous active service.
- Employees covered under the provision of the inter-agency Career Transition Plan (ICTAP) and Career Transition Assistance Plan (CTAP) (displaced VA Employees) eligibles will be given priority consideration for vacancies within the **local commuting area** for which they are well qualified. Applicants requesting this consideration must attach appropriate proof of the ICTAP eligibility with their application.

MAJOR DUTIES:

The incumbent performs a wide variety of Title 5 and Title 38 staffing and placement actions, such as Merit Promotion Announcements, DEU certificate requests, and outside vacancy announcements (both permanent and temporary). Processes a wide variety of SF-52 forms connected with personnel actions. Works with an assigned block of services within the medical center and provides assistance to supervisors and managers in assisting them in filling their placement needs, including special emphasis programs such as EEO. Works closely with other Human Resources staffing assistants and clerical staff, and provides direction and guidance to these employees as needed, including training others as needed and directed by the supervisor. Uses various computer programs in accomplishing the duties of their position. Meets with employees, applicants, supervisors/managers, and others outside the VA in providing assistance and guidance in the general area of staffing and placement. Some actions require immediate attention and are highly sensitive in terms of deadlines, timeframes, and subject matter. Works as a member of the Staffing and Placement Team and is expected to provide insight and problem solving abilities in order to improve and benefit Human Resources services to its customers in an active and affiliated medical center.

THIS POSITION IS EXCLUDED FROM THE BARGAINING UNIT

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

Eligibility: U.S. Office of Personnel Management Qualification Standards Handbook for GS-201 series applies and may be reviewed in the Human Resources Management Service office. Regulatory requirements such as "time-in-grade" and "time after competitive appointment" are applicable.

Specialized Experience for GS-11: One (1) year experience that equipped the applicant with the particular knowledge, skills, and abilities (KSA's) to perform successfully the duties of the position, and that is typically in or related to the work of the position to be filled. To be creditable, specialized experience must have been equivalent to at least the GS-9 grade level.

BASIS OF RATING: (Knowledge, Skills, Abilities (KSAs))

On a separate sheet of paper, provide a written, detailed response to each of the KSAs. Failure to respond to rating factors will result in applicant not being referred for the position:

1. Knowledge of Title 5 and Title 38 staffing and placement processes and procedures. This includes knowledge of the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations and its application to VA actions related to appointments and advancements. Also includes a general knowledge of federal and VA pay administration, processing and records, employee relations, and position classification as these areas relate to staffing and placement.
2. Ability to communicate orally and in writing with a wide variety of applicants, employees, supervisors and management officials. This includes working with a wide variety of individuals of various educational, social, and cultural backgrounds.
3. Ability to meet deadlines, and timeliness standards in an active Human Resources staffing and placement environment in order to meet customer demands and expectations.
4. Ability to direct and instruct other staff in technical matters related to staffing and placement processes and procedures. This ability includes training others, both Human Resources personnel and other supervisors and management officials in matters related to staffing and placement procedures and processes in their assigned block of services.
5. Ability to formulate and present new ideas and processes in the VA staffing and placement area in order to improve services to customers. This includes innovative and different approaches in solving problems.

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT INFORMATION SHEET**CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT:**

Although the duty station is shown in this announcement, it may be necessary to utilize the selected person's services at a different location within the Portland VA Medical Center commuting area if conditions require it in the future

Eligible employees may be non-competitively reassigned to fill this position as an exception to merit promotion.

Under Executive Order 11935, only United States citizens and nationals (residents of American Samoa and Swains Island) may compete for civil service jobs. Agencies are permitted to hire noncitizens only in very limited circumstances where there are no qualified citizens available for the position.

A security clearance and a favorable suitability determination are required. Misconduct in prior employment, criminal, dishonest or disgraceful conduct, habitual use of intoxicating beverages, abuse of narcotics, drugs or other controlled substances, or reasonable doubt of loyalty to the United States are examples of reasons an offer of employment may be denied.

Recruitment/Relocation bonus may be authorized.

This agency provides reasonable accommodations to applicants with disabilities. If you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, please notify the agency. The decision on granting reasonable accommodation will be on a case-by-case basis

The United States Government does not discriminate in employment on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, political affiliation, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, age, membership in an employee organization, or other non-merit factor.

It is the policy of the Department of Veterans Affairs that all Federal wage and salary payments are paid to employees by Direct Deposit/Electronic Funds Transfer (DD/EFT).

HOW TO APPLY:

For first consideration, all application packets must be received in Human Resources by Close of Business (COB) on 3/28/06. This position will be open until filled. Application forms may be obtained in Human Resources Office or on our external website, www.va.gov/portland/hr.

Applications may be mailed to:

Portland VA Medical Center, P4HRMS

Attn: 3W-06-225-LS

PO Box 1034

Portland, OR 97207

Or brought in person to:

Portland VA Medical Center

3710 SW US Veterans Hospital Rd

Building 16, Room 300

Portland OR 97239

Portland VAMC employees must submit:

1. [VAF 4078, Application for Promotion or Reassignment](#)
2. [VAF 4676a, Employee Supplemental Qualifications Statement](#) (due 7 days after close of announcement)
3. [VAF 4667b, Supervisory Appraisal of Employee for Promotion](#) is optional but recommended. (due 7 days after close of announcement)
4. MPQ – Merit Promotion Questionnaire is optional but recommended if you have qualifications pertaining to the position applied for but are not in your OPF

Other VA Employees must submit:

1. [OF 612, Optional Application for Federal Employment](#), or Resume. (Please refer to [OF-510, Applying for a Federal Job](#) on the USA jobs website (<http://www.usajobs.opm.gov/>) for information on how to apply with a resume instead of OF-612)
2. [VAF 4676a, Employee Supplemental Qualifications Statement](#)
3. [VAF 4667b, Supervisory Appraisal of Employee for Promotion](#) is optional but recommended.
4. [OF-306, Declaration for Federal Employment](#) (January 2001 version or later). **(REQUIRED)**.
5. Latest SF-50, Notification of Personnel Action
6. Latest performance appraisal

Non VA Applicants must submit:

1. [OF 612, Optional Application for Federal Employment](#), or Resume. (Please refer to [OF-510, Applying for a Federal Job](#) on the USA jobs website (<http://www.usajobs.opm.gov/>) for information on how to apply with a resume instead of OF-612)
2. [OF-306, Declaration for Federal Employment](#) (January 2001 version or later). **(REQUIRED)**.
3. Veterans Preference:
 - a. DD-214, Military Discharge Paper (member copy #4 for July 1979 or later editions) (For 5 Point Veteran's Preference).
 - b. [SF-15, Application for 10-point Veteran Preference](#) (December 2004 version or later)
 - c. VA letter of service-connected disability rating dated 1991 or later.
4. SF-50, Notification of Personnel Action (if applying as a current or former federal employee).
5. Narrative statement relating to all of the KSAs. Candidates **must** submit a narrative statement on a separate page(s) with specific responses to all of the knowledge, skills, and abilities (KSAs) in this announcement. Failure to submit your narrative response to all of the KSAs will result in the applicant not being referred for the position.
6. A copy of your college transcripts (Optional unless education is required).
7. ITCAP Applicants: Submit proof by including a copy of the agency notice, most recent Performance Rating and most recent SF-50 indicating current position, grade, level, and duty station.

APPLICANT'S PLEASE NOTE:

- Education must be accredited by an accrediting institution recognized by the U.S. Department of Education in order for it to be credited towards qualifications (particularly positions with a positive education requirement.). Therefore, applicants must report only attendance and/or degrees from schools accredited by accrediting institutions recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.
- Applicants can verify accreditation at the following website: <http://www.ed.gov/admins/finaid/accred/index.html>. All education claimed by applicants will be verified by the appointing agency accordingly.

IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT APPLICANT'S RESPONSIBILITY:

- It is the applicant's responsibility to submit documentation to support his/her application for this position. Applicant is responsible for ensuring that all experience, formal training, award recognition, etc. are documented in the application package. Experience may include voluntary or other non-paid experience in the appropriate field. If you feel that your training record contains information pertinent to your qualifications, then you must submit a printed copy of your training record with your application package. Your training record will become part of the specific vacancy file and will not be filed in Official Personnel Folder. Human Resources Management Division will not photocopy any application material; applicants are responsible for making photocopies prior to submitting applications.
- **It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure timely receipt of the application, regardless of the method used for submission. The VA assumes no responsibility for the late delivery of applications (i.e. postal service delays). The Portland VA Medical Center will not accept FAX, or emailed applications or applications in a US government envelope.**